

Schools Forum
Wednesday, 16 September 2020 at 8.00 am
VENUE: Remote Meeting

PLEASE NOTE

All meetings will be held in public; the agenda, decision list and minutes will be publicly available on the Council's website and Committee Secretariat, Room 112, City Hall, Bradford.

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Committee Secretariat will report the names of alternate Members who are attending the meeting in place of appointed Members.

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

To receive disclosures of interests from Members on matters to be considered at the meeting. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest.

An interest must also be disclosed in the meeting when it only becomes apparent to the member during the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF 8 JULY 2020 & MATTERS ARISING

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Recommended –

That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8 July 2020 be signed as a correct record.

4. MATTERS RAISED BY SCHOOLS

Members will be asked to consider any issues raised by schools.

5. STANDING ITEM - DSG GROWTH FUND ALLOCATIONS (a) 15 - 16

Members will be asked to consider, in **Document LT**, newly proposed allocations to primary schools and academies from the established DSG Schools Block Growth Fund in 2019/20.

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to agree the proposed Growth Fund allocations shown in Document LT.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

6. SEND & ALTERNATIVE PROVISION REVIEWS - PROGRESS UPDATE (i)

A progress update will be provided on the Authority's strategic reviews of SEND and Alternative Provision. This update includes continued discussion on matters presented to the Schools Forum on 8 July.

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to consider and to note the information provided.

(Mariam Haque – 01274 431078)

7. IMPLICATIONS - COVID-19 (DISCUSSION CONTINUED FROM JULY 2020) (i) 17 - 20

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document LV**, which follows from the information presented to the Schools Forum in July to provide an update on the position of the DSG, and financial implications for the DSG and schools and other providers, as a result of COVID-19.

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to consider and to note the information provided.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

8. **NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA – UPDATE (i)**

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The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document LW**, which provides an update on the development and implementation of National Funding Formula.

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to note the information presented and to begin to consider the implications for the 2021/22 DSG budget planning round.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

9. **OUTLINE - FORMULA FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS & CONSULTATIONS 2021/22 (i)**

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The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document LX**, which outlines the working principles that are being considered in the development of Bradford's formula funding arrangements for 2021/22. The Authority will present formal consultation reports, for the Schools Block, Early Years Block and High Needs Block, to the Schools Forum at the next meeting, with these consultations being published immediately after. Following this timetable, responses to these consultations will be considered by the Forum at its December meeting. The Schools Forum will be required to make its final recommendations on 2021/22 DSG and formula funding arrangements at its January 2021 meeting.

Forum Members are invited to attend a 'Formula Funding Working Group' session, on Tuesday 29 September (8am) or Wednesday 30 September (8am) or Tuesday 6 October (8am). These sessions will enable Forum Members to consider in more detail the impact of formula funding decisions and to explore and guide the proposals for 2021/22 that will be set out for consultation in October.

Recommended –

- (1) The Schools Forum is asked to consider the working principles.**
- (2) Members are invited to attend a 'Formula Funding Working Group' session.**
- (3) Members are invited to attend an Early Years Working Group meeting.**
- (4) Members asked to discuss how best to communicate as early as possible this term with schools and other providers, and collect feedback, about arrangements for 2021/22 (in advance of more formal consultation beginning in October 2020).**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

10. WORK PROGRAMME AND SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2020/21 ACADEMIC YEAR (i)

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The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document LY**, which outlines the School Forum's 2020/21 Academic Year work programme.

Recommended –

The Forum is asked to note the proposed programme and to consider whether any additional items should be added at this stage.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

11. SCHOOLS FORUM STANDING ITEMS (i)

Updates on the following Forum standing items will be provided verbally where these have not been covered within other agenda items:

- Schools Forum membership
- Update from the High Needs Block Steering Group
- Update from the Schools Financial Performance Group (SFPG)
- Update on School / Academy Budgets
- Update from the Early Years Working Group (EYWG)
- Update from the Formula Funding Working Group (FFWG)
- Update on Primary School Places
- Update on Academies & Free Schools

The Forum is asked to note the information provided.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

12. AOB / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (i)

Members will be asked for any additional items of business, for consideration at a future meeting.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Please see the published schedule of meetings – the next Forum meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 14 October 2020.

14. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The Schools Forum will be asked to consider if the agenda item relating to the funding of health services in schools should be

considered in the absence of the public and, if so, to approve the following recommendation:

Recommended –

That the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following item (item *14) on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if they were present exempt information within Paragraph 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) would be disclosed and it is considered that, in all the circumstances, the public interest in allowing the public to remain is outweighed by the public interest in excluding public access to the relevant part of the proceedings for the following reason: legal privilege."

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

15. FUNDING HEALTH SERVICES IN SCHOOLS

The Schools Forum will be asked to consider further the matters raised at the Forum's previous meetings related to the funding of health services in schools.

****Note: The Schools Forum will have previously considered excluding the public from consideration of this matter under item 14 above.***

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

(a) Denotes an item for action

(i) Denotes an item for information